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Amendment and Election

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 13-16.

13. The method of claim 2 wherein the closure member is of plug-like configuration and has a polished surface in the region of the opening.
14. The method of claim 13 wherein the closure member is adapted to be releasably engaged with a latch in the coupling portion.

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